

### **Listing of the Claims**

The following Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please add claim 15.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A patch for covering a portion of the anatomical surface of a living being, said patch being able to adhere to the skin or mucosa, and/or a wound, said patch comprising a backing layer and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to the skin or mucosa, said adhesive comprises hydrocolloid particles, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 20–300  $\mu\text{m}$  and the vapour permeability of the patch is ~~200-1000~~ greater than 500 g/m<sup>2</sup> and the absorption of the patch is 40-600 g/m<sup>2</sup>/6h.

Claim 2 (original): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a substantially uniform thickness.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the absorption of the patch is 50-400 g/m<sup>2</sup>/6h.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is 30-200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the vapour permeability of the patch is ~~300~~ 500-800 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 125  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a reflectance lower than 5.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the backing layer is a polyurethane film.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the backing layer has a thickness of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive layer is uninterrupted.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the patch comprises an absorbent pad.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1 wherein the patch comprises one or more cavities.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch further comprises one or more active ingredients.

Claim 15 (New) A patch according to claim 1, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 50-80  $\mu\text{m}$  and the vapour permeability of the patch is between 550-750  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$  and the absorption of the patch is 70-250  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2/6\text{h}$ .